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## **OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION**

**Title:** Naomi L. D. Cox papers

**Date:** 1850-1911, bulk 1859-1869

**Extent:** 1 Box

**Creator/Collector:** Cox, Naomi L. D.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. [specolle@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:specolle@georgiasouthern.edu). 912-478-7819. [library.georgiasouthern.edu](http://library.georgiasouthern.edu).

**Processing Note:** Finding aid revised in 2019.

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**Separated Material:** The following items were listed as being in the collection in the original inventory. They are not there any longer, and attempts to locate them have been unsuccessful.

Envelope, Mossy Creek, TN, May 4  
To: Miss Naomi D. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens District, SC  
Symbol on envelope: "The Union now, henceforth and forever Amen"  
Date: 1866 in ink

Letter, 1866 July 10  
To: Miss Naomi D. Cox, Clayton Mills, SC  
From: H. M. Cox (sister Henrietta?); also M. D. Cox; also Sallie to her sister  
Re: Family matters, school to start in September. Mother writes about indictments against Reese. Albert's trial was two years ago and he "came out clean." Sallie writes that "chickapins are in full tassel now."

Letter August 186?  
To: Dear Sister  
From: Henrietta  
Re: Willie going to SC for his carriage this fall and would be chance for her to come home. Note: Very dim - much not legible. Appears to be August 1867. Will went for his carriage in spring 1868. Envelope postmarked Mossy Creek, 1868 March 12.

## **ABOUT THE COLLECTION**

**Scope and Content:** The collection mainly consists of correspondence to Naomi L.D. Cox of Clayton's Mills, Pickens County, South Carolina from 1859-1869. The letters from family members mostly discuss personal and farm news but do mention the secession of Tennessee, life and living conditions in Tennessee during the Civil War and Reconstruction, and some descriptions of battles in Tennessee. Correspondents include Melinda D. Cox, Henrietta Cox, and Sallie Cox. The collection also contains a few bills or receipts and a photograph.

**System and Arrangement:** There are two sets of letters within this collection. One set is laminated; the other is not. Some of the letters were inventoried after the collection. This updated inventory includes all the letters in the collection. In the first section, headed "Original Inventory," each letter has been assigned a number. The original descriptive information has been kept. The second section, headed "Updated," describes the uninventoried letters as much as possible.

**Acquisitions Info:** Gift of Dr. & Mrs. George C. Kirkley, Sr., of Fitzgerald, Ga., 1963

**Access Points:**

Cox, Henrietta	Farm management
Cox, Melinda D	Pickens County (S.C.)
Cox, Sallie	Tennessee -- History -- Civil War,
Stanton, Sallie Cox	1861-1865
American Civil War (1861-1865)	South Carolina -- Pickens County
Farm management -- Tennessee	Tennessee
Reconstruction -- Tennessee	1861-1865
Secession	History

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**CONTAINER LISTING****Box 1:** 0200105033449

	<i><b>Original Inventory Description</b></i>
1	Laminated Letter from Scotland, 1859 March 25 To: My Dearest Niece From: Naomi L. Clayton Re: Family matters, education of girls, invites her to live with them and go to school
2	Laminated Letter and envelope, 1860 May 21 To: Miss Naomi D. Cox (Oma), Clayton Mills, SC From: M. D. Cox Re: Family matters (Why hasn't Naomi written?)
3	Laminated Letter and envelope, 1861 February 19 To: Miss Naomi D. Cox, Hunters Mill, Pickens Dct., SC From: Henrietta (sister) Re: Family matters
4	Laminated Letter and envelope, 1961 April 15 To: Miss Naomi L. Cox, Pickens, SC From: M. D. Cox Re: Secession, family matters
5	Laminated Letter and envelope, 1861 June 19 To: Miss Naomi D. Cox, Clayton Mills, Pickens, D, SC From: Malinda D. Cox (mother), Four Mile Branch, Tennessee Re: Tennessee troops, accident at Strawberry Plains, family matters, crops, and weather
6	Laminated Letter, 1861 December 4 To: Miss Naomi L. Cox, Clayton Mills, Pickens Dis., SC From: M. D. Cox Re: War - bridges burned, guns collected in county, hard times, salt \$12/sack,

	children not in school as teachers no account
7	Laminated Letter, 1862 March 3 To: My dear Oma Address on back: Miss Naomi L. D. Cox, Clayton Mills, SC From: M. D. Cox Re: Federal troops in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, says he will join a company, birth of Oma's little brother George, snow
8	Laminated Letter, 1862 April 16 To: My dear daughter Address on back: Miss Naomi L. Cox, Clayton Mills, Pickens DT, SC From: M. D. Cox Re: Pa volunteered three weeks earlier, reports on fighting - killed old Buell and captured his regiment, battle by Wm. Vaughn's regiment - they captured prisoners, etc., family matters, farming
9	Laminated Envelope, 1863 February To: Miss Naomi L. D. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens District, SC On reverse: To: Mrs. Malinda D. Cox, Four Mile Branch, East Tennessee Salubrity, SC 28th September
10	Laminated Letter Black Oak Grove, 1863 February 24 To: Naomi From: M. D. Cox Re: Letter from Pa describing hard way of living, have returned to their house, family matters
11	Laminated Letter, 1864 February 3 To: Naomi From: M. D. Cox Re: Describes fighting in neighborhood, death of grandmother
12	Laminated Letter, 1864 February 21 To: Naomi From: M. D. Cox Re: Family matters, mail is running now
13	Laminated Letter, 1866 February 25 <i>postmarked Mossy Creek, Tennessee</i> To: Miss Naomi L. D. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens Dis, SC From: Henrietta (sister) Re: Family matters, she and mother do all the washing, writing school will start before long
14	Laminated Letter, 1866 March 30 To: Sister From: Sister Re: Family matters

	<i>Note: Together with undated letter from sister to sister re: family matters</i>
15	<p>Laminated Letter, 1866 September 21  To: Sister (Oma)  From: Sister (Henrietta?); also M. D. Cox  Re: Writes about school (girls stay upstairs), washing, George can count to 12 but not 100 and knows some of his letters. Mother writes family and neighborhood news. This is on United States Sanitary Commission paper. Papa is down at Aunt Sarah's - stays there more than half his time. - Henrietta</p>
16	<p>Laminated Letter, 1867 July 28  <i>envelope postmarked Mossy Creek, Tennessee</i>  To: My dear child - Naomi L. D. Cox, Salubrity, Pickens, SC  From: M. D. Cox; also Sallie Cox  Re: M. D. says they have written tho Naomi has not heard since February. Letters went to Hunter's Mills. "Your Papa stays down there (Harriet or Sarah?) three-fourths of his time and I stay at home and try to take care of my children." Relatives don't visit. Sallie writes about family matters, school beginning, etc.</p>
17	<p>Laminated Letter, 1867 December 10  <i>envelope - Mossy Creek, Tennessee, 4 July</i>  To: Miss Naomi L. D. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens District, SC  From: Henrietta (sister)  Re: Family matters. Wants Naomi to come home for Christmas. Papa came by home yesterday on his way to Dandridge. This is court week and he had to be there. He says he is coming home before long to stay, has been staying at Aunt Sarah's tending to her business.</p>
18	<p>Laminated Letter, 1867 December 30,  <i>envelope postmarked Mossy Creek, 1868 January 1</i>  To: Miss Naomi L. D. Cox, Salubrity, SC  From: M. D. Cox  Re: Had 2 letters from Oma. Snowing - "half leg deep." Candy pulling for young folks at Christmas. Harriet going to Texas with Papa and Willie; she thinks it best for young girls to have an older female for protection. No preaching except at chapel three miles away. Dedrick - good heart but awful lazy.  <i>Note: Also letter to My Dear Aunt - tells about hard times, money scarce, soldiers burned fences, some corn, taxes high. Would like to visit "your state" (S.C.)</i></p>
19	<p>Laminated Letter, 1868 March 14  To: Dear sister Naomi  From: Henrietta  Re: It has been eight years since Naomi left. Willie is going to S. C. and they want Naomi to come home with him. Revival going on for two weeks. Cousin Albert preaching.  <i>Note: small envelope from Will saying he is on the road South. Can't tell when he will be at her house.</i></p>

20	<p>Laminated Letter, 1868 June 6  To: Sister (Naomi)  From: Henrietta  Re: Pleads with her to write; family matters.  <i>Note: Letter very dim - portions illegible. Leaf imbedded in plastic - no info.</i></p>
21	<p>Laminated Letter, 1868 November 11  <i>postmark written Mill Spring, Tennessee</i>  To: Sister Naomi L. D. Cox, Salubrity, SC  From: Unsigned  Re: Family moved last week. Papa seems very well pleased. Family and community matters (marriages, deaths, etc.)</p>
22	<p>Laminated Letter, 1869 September 2(?)  To: Miss Naomi D. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens, SC; my dear children Sis, Joseph  From: M. D. Cox  Re: Mendenhalls never said a word to me about what they owed you for schooling. Continued Friday, September 24 - have letter from them on the road; Pa brought more "lotry papers" from the office. Pa wants Joseph back in time to sow wheat.</p>
23	<p>Laminated Letter, 1869 September 28  <i>postmark not clear</i>  To: Miss Naomi D. Cox, Pickens CH, SC; my dear children  From: M. D. Cox  Re: Pa wants Joseph to come home as soon as he can, sell the horses if he can get a good price for them but bring them back if he can't. Man came Sunday to see him about the government claims and thinks he will have favorable answer. Sis is also in SC (Henrietta?).</p>
24	<p>Laminated Letter, 1869 October 2  To: Sister and brother, Miss Naomi Cox, Pickens Courthouse, SC  From: Sallie  Re: Tell Joe not to smother his horses to death trying to make them look fine as she would like to take a ride on Frank or Buck again. Family visits. If Joe comes back Sis may stay in SC.</p>
25	<p>Laminated Letter, 1869 November 23  <i>postmarked New Market, Tennessee, 1869 November 29</i>  To: Dear Sister (Naomi), near Pickens Die, SC  From: Hennie  Re: Tells of death of Hattie (buried in her wedding dress). Willie Davis (apparently the husband) says he can't stay in Bristol. She appears to have been Uncle Ren's (Ken's?) daughter. Continued Wed. 24th and Sun. Writes of marriages, preaching, having toothache, molded 60 candles</p>
26	<p>Laminated Envelope  To: Miss Naomi L. D. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens Die, SC</p>

27	<p>Laminated Letter, undated  <i>envelope dated March 28, Asheville, NC</i>  To: Miss Naomi L. Cox, Clayton's Mills, Pickens Det, SC  From: Sister (Sallie Cox?)  Re: Family matters; sheet of paper "from United States Sanitary Commission"</p>
28	<p>Laminated Letter, undated  To: My dear sister  From: Your sister  Re: Also part of letter from MDC telling her about the possibility of coming home with a family moving to Tennessee  <i>Note: Envelope return: US Christian Commission; in ink (date written) Sept. 1866; paper (first letter has Washington and Mr. AMMMM written in another hand).</i></p>
29	<p>Laminated Premium Offers for 1 year subscription to the Tri-Weekly Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia, 1911 October</p>
	<p><b><i>Updated Inventory Description</i></b></p>
30	<p>Unlaminated Letter from Scotland, 1858 January 7  To: My dear niece  From: N. L. Clayton  Re: Family matters</p>
31	<p>Unlaminated Letter from Scotland, 1859 December 1  To: My dear niece  From: Naomi L. Clayton  Re: Education, family matters, "will let Lucretia close as she wants to open a correspondence with you."  On reverse: Letter, 1859 December 2  To: Miss Naomi L. Cox  From: Naomi L. Odell  Re: "I am an entire stranger to you, and yet you seem to be an acquaintance of mine."</p>
32	<p>Unlaminated Letter, 1860 February 14  To: My dear daughter  From: M. D. Cox  Re: Family matters</p>
33	<p>Laminated Letter and envelope, 1860 April 11  To: My dear Naomi  From: M. D. Cox  Re: Family matters  <i>Note at bottom to Naomi from Wm. S. Cox - "You will find enclosed five dollars if some rascal does not take it out."</i></p>